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1. [redacted] a report on Branch No. 5 of Konstruktiva construction enterprise in Chrudim (N 49-57, E 15-48). The report includes sketches showing the location and layout of the enterprise.
2. Konstruktiva is described as a combined military-civilian organization which plans and carries out the construction of army barracks, military dependent quarters, and other military projects. The manpower of Branch No. 5 is largely supplied by the 67th Technical Battalion (TP), with headquarters in Zdechovice.

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1. Location: (see the enclosed plan A - codemark 1) in the northern outskirts of the town CHRUDIM (East Bohemia), just about 60 m southwest of the RR station building CHRUDIM-City, and ca 150 m east of the highway PARDUBICE - CHRUDIM. The railroad station CHRUDIM-City is on the local RR line HROCHUV TYNEC - HERMANUV MESTEC. The enterprise neighbours directly the area of the above RR station.

2. Organisational status of the enterprise: The Konstruktiva branch No 5 in CHRUDIM is a local (field) plant of the "Konstruktiva", National Enterprise, a combined civil-military organisation, planning and carrying out the construction of army barracks, military dependent quarters and other constructions for the military establishments. The national headquarters of the Konstruktiva is in PRAGUE. The manpower of the plant No 5 is, in larger part, supplied by the 67 Technical Bn, HQ in ZDECHOVICE. One company of this Bn is stationed within the plant.

3. Description of the plant: (see the enclosed plan A).

The boundaries of the plant are formed on the western side by the public town-park reaching to the plant's fence (see plan A - codemark 1). On the southern side are the tennis courts (see plan A - codemark 2). Along the eastern side runs the street leading from the centre of the city northwards, into the countryside (see plan A - codemark 3). It is the only motorvehicle-road into the plant; it has the gravel surface. North side is made by the railway (see plan A - codemark 4) HERMANUV MESTEC - CHRUDIM - HROCHUV TYNEC. North of and across this railway is the area of the Army Logistic Store (see plan A - codemark 5).

The plant is enclosed by the fence (see plan A - codemark 6). On the western side the fence is made of barbed wire on the timber poles about 160 cm high; north fence and south fence are of wire net, 180 cm high; the east side is partly filled by the plant buildings, partly fenced by wire-net fence, partly by the stake-fence. In the southwest corner of the plant area is a small fence-gate, allowing the entrance to the military personnel and to those of civilian employees who live within the plant.

The management building (see plan A - codemark 7) is a brick, groundfloor object of U form, the base of which is 40 m long, the wings each 30 m, the width ca 10 m. The large section of this building is occupied by the management and technical offices (see plan A - codemark 7, sub a), for whom the entrance is on the eastern side of the eastern wing. In the part of the western wing (see plan A - codemark 7, sub b) are the civilian employees billets.

Married employee's quarters (see plan A - codemark 8) are in the brick, ground-floor building 30 x 10 m, located 5 m next to the north of the management building. Quartered there are the civilian employees with families.

Troop billeting annex (see plan A - codemark 9) is a framehouse, with the brick section, 30 x 8 m, groundfloor only, laying in about 10 m distance from the object codemark 8. There are altogether 4 rooms, each with 32 beds in the southern part of the house (see codemark 9, sub a). These billets were rarely utilized to their full capacity. Therefore the north part of the house was being adapted, in Nov 1954, into the storing space (see codemark 9, sub b).

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Dentist and canteen building (see plan A - codemark 10) LAYS eastwards from the Troop annex. It is a brick, groundfloor building of barrack type, 40 x 10 m, which serves several purposes. In the western part are 5 rooms used as quarters for the civilian employees with families. Next to it are few technical offices. Then follow two rooms of the dentist department (waiting room and surgery room) and in the extreme east are the canteen and a small dining compartment. The building has two entrances, in the west and in the east sides; the eastern serve the customers of the dentist and these of the canteen.

Automotive and locksmith repair-shops (see plan A - codemark 11) are in one groundfloor brick building located in the middle of the southern fence. The building has the U form, of which the base is about 30 m, the wings 10 m and the width about 7 m. The automotive shop carries out the repairs of the plant vehicles; the locksmith shop is responsible for the maintenance of the plant's equipment and machinery.

The boiler-house (see plan A - codemark 12) is about 25 m north of the above repair shops; a brick groundfloor object 10 x 5 m. Provides the warm water for the central heating system and for all lavatories.

Coke and coal heaps (see plan A - codemark 13) are placed in open air, north of the boilerhouse, in an enclosure of timber fence 30 x 10 m.

Two small store-houses (see plan A - codemark 14) located north of the coal enclosure serve for the storage of building materials. Both are made of bricks, 8 x 5 m, groundfloor only.

New twostorey object (see plan A - codemark 15) 10 x 10 m is under construction just between the above two small storehouses. It is made of bricks. In november 1954 it was still unplastered and its designation was unknown.

New groundfloor object (see plan A - codemark 16) OF BRICKS, 15 x 15 m, was completed in the south-east corner of the plant, closely to the main entrance. By november 1954 this object had no assignment either.

Main parking lot (see plan A - codemark 17) for the plant motorvehicles is in the courtyard just about in the centre of the plant's area. In the fall of 1954 there were also large heaps of gravel, stored for the planned graveling and asphaltting of the courtyard.

Northwest storage area (see plan A - codemark 18) is an open air square 80 x 40 m. Stored there are the prefabricated cement products, the iron rods and iron bars for the ferrocement building parts and for general construction purposes.

Main entrance (see plan A - codemark 19) is located near the southeast corner of the plant. It consists of the heavy - two wings - iron gate with a level-crossing on the inner side, for the daily traffic. At the northern side of the entrance is the gate-keeper ledge, a brick object of 8 x 4 m, in which is always a civilian employee - armed with pistol - on duty. (The ledge - see plan A - codemark 20).

Southeast courtyard store (see plan A - codemark 21 and 23) is an enclosure partly fenced on its southern and western side by the barbed wire fence on timber poles 180 cm, located in the southeast part of the courtyard. The enclosure is about 30 x 25 size and stored there are the barrels with oils, naphtha, turpentine, paints, lacquers etc.

Main warehouse (see plan A - codemark 22) is a brick two-storey building, 25 x 10 m, extending from the main entrance ledge northwards, along the fence. Stored there are the fine building materials and the montage items. Here is also the office of the head store-keeper. Entrance into the warehouse is from the inner (western) side.

New warehouse under construction (see plan A - codemark 24) is built north of the above main warehouse, size 30 x 10 m. Completed till november 1954 was the groundfloor.

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Cement shed (see plan A - codemark 25) located west of the above warehouse - codemark 24 - is a frame groundfloor object 25 x 8 m. Serves for storing of cement and plaster.

Cable and chain storage space (see plan A - codemark 26) is an open-air storage adjacent to the western and northern side of the cement shed, about 7 m wide. Stored there are cables on reels, chains, and prefabricated cement parts.

Stove and basket shed (see plan A - codemark 27), located north of the new warehouse under construction (codemark 24) is a frame groundfloor object of the L form, 15 m long, 5 m wide, the north wing 5 m long. It serves for the storing of iron stoves, and coke baskets. One closed room of this shed is used as the cloak-room and warming room for the workers.

Open shed (see plan A - codemark 28) is a comparatively large object of the L form, located westwards of the objects codemark 25, 26 and 27. The long side is 50 m, the wing side 20 m, the width cca 7 m. It stores the wheelbarrows, cablespeels, kitchen-stoves, insulation materials and short iron rods.

North storage square (see plan A - codemark 30) is a fenced area of 50 x 35 m in the northeast part of the plant open to the south side thru a timber, two-wing-gate (see plan A - codemark 29). Stored there are the prefabricated building parts, roofing props, ladders, trestles, roof material etc.

Military enclave (see plan A - codemark 31): Eastwards of the married employee quarters (codemark 8) is another fenced area 55 x 35 m, where are the installations of the army technical company, the backbone of the plant's manpower. The enclave is surrounded by the wire-networked fence on concrete poles, which has three entrances: one small door near the northwest corner, second small door near the southwest corner, and a two-wings gate of the wire network in the south fence. Near the southwest entrance is a frame sentry-box 2 x 2 x 2 m (see codemark 32) which serves as the company guard-room. The object has the telephone connection to the Company HQ and also to the HQ of the Military Subpost Chrudim.

Barrack (see plan A - codemark 33) of the technical company is a frame building 30 x 8 m, with the brick seale. It contains 10 rooms with the total capacity 180 men. The entrance is on the north side. The army dispensary located in this barrack serves as the dispensary for the whole plant.

Mess-barrack (see plan A - codemark 34) lays east of the barrack codemark 33 with which is identical in size and type. The mess hall of the company is located in the southern part of the barrack. In the northern part is the company kitchen and the feed-store.

Headquarters (see plan A - codemark 35) of the technical company is in a frame house 15 x 8 m, with a brick seale, north of the two barracks. Located there are the office of the company C.O., the office of his deputy, office of the senior N.C.O., and the feed and logistic stores.

#### 4. Plant's employees:

First of all there are about 180 men of the technical company, detached permanently here from the 67 Technical Baon, HQ ZEMCHOVICE. About 50-60 % of the company's personnel work in CHRUDIM, while the rest are assigned to the constructions in KOSTELEČ, by HERMANUV MESTEC.

Secondly, the plant employs permanently about 100 civilians in the administrative and technical jobs, mostly as clerks. Only few of these civilian are the female employees used partly in clerk capacity, partly as feed service girls.

There are no forced labor, neither the so called brigade-workers at this plant. Source does not know the exact total of employees, because the plant is carrying constructions not only within the CHRUDIM city limits but also in the environment and it is difficult to estimate correctly the numbers, since there is a constant flow of employees from one construction site to another.

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5. Wages: The civilian clerks are paid according to the state catalogue scale, the details of which are not known to Source. The workers are getting the pay according to the task-work scale. The same goes for the soldiers of the technical company. The wages average monthly:

for the unskilled worker, or store-helper or alike.....	800 - 1000 kcs brutto
masons .....	1400 kcs brutto
drivers and co-drivers .....	1600 - 2200 brutto,

depending, on the amount of transported Tonnes.

The soldiers are paid by the plant thru the same channels like the civilians, but are receiving also the military pay from the army. However, about 600 kcs are deducted from their ~~in~~ payroll monthly, under the title of the so called military reductions. These soldiers, who are not connected directly with the plant's operation, e.g. the store-keepers in the logistic store, dispensary attendants etc, are on the army payroll only. The company cooks and orderlies, however, were classified as within the category of plant's workers.

All employees get special premiums in case when the plan was fulfilled above the fixed quota. The premiums are set correspondingly to the amount of percents in excess of the plan.

Boarding: The civilian employees eat in the plant's eating house outside the plant. It is a former restaurant-din located in the town-park west of the plant. A number of soldiers used to eat there too because of the poor quality and poor taste of the meals in the military kitchen, they had, however, to pay for it.

6. Plant's present construction tasks (Note 1953-54):

a) Quarters for the air-force officers in CHRUDIM, constructed in the area south-east from the main RR station (Note: not to mistake it with the local RR station CHRUDIM-City). They are standardized two-storey apartment houses, with the capacity of 24 apartments each. Each house has four entrances.

By the fall of 1954 completed and already occupied were 6 houses; about 10-15 houses were under construction. When completed this project will actually fill entirely the above said area.

b) In completing stage was the construction of the new buildings at the army logistic stores north of the plant (across the railway). All buildings were actually finished and the work went on on the inner installations. 25X1

c) Special terrain-level work in KOSTELEC by HERMANUV MESTEC. 25X1

d) In the fall 1954 begun the adaptation-work in the castle ZDECHOVICE, the place of the HQ of the 67 Technical Baon. 25X1

e) The plant had been supplying from its stores the construction project called D u k l a at PARDUBICE. It is an apartments project. Whether the plant participated directly in the construction work 25X1

7. Plant's suppliers: Source does not know, where the essential building materials are coming from. The following were the suppliers of some items:

Army warehouses in PARDUBICE supplied the inner installations like water, electricity, heating installations etc and the inner appliances.

Petroleum & Oil storages in PARDUBICE supplied the fuel and oils. The storages (formerly storages of Fanta refinneries) are located closely eastwards from the crossing of the RR line HRADEC KRALOVE - CHRUDIM with the highway PARDUBICE - PRAHA. The RR line separates the storages from the refinneries. 25X1

Insulation firm in HRADEC KRALOVE supplies the insulation materials. 25X1

8. Security measures: were not particularly severe. The main entrance (codemark 19) was guarded by one civilian gate-keeper armed with pistol. The west entrance from the park side was not guarded at all.

There is a special civilian door-keeper at the Management building (codemark 7). He is also armed with pistol. In addition to the general door-keepers duties,

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he is responsible for the security of the switchboard and teletype, both installed in ~~xxxxx~~ the room adjacent to his duty-room.

The military enclave is guarded by a sentry at the guard-room. The sentry is armed with the subM.G. but without ammunition. He should check every civilian wanting to enter the military enclave, however, this is not done because it is an established routine that the civilian employees walk thru the enclave on their way into the courtyard and the canteen.

The civilian employees are provided with an identity card, issued by the management. There are, however, no difficulties to get into the plant area without any document, especially thru the entrance from the town park.

9. Leading personnel:

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Manager of the plant: is the captain of the army building branch Zmalik Josef.

Company's C.O.:

lt of the army building branch Kralik FNU.

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Political deputy C.O., Lt Ulrich FNU.

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Head store-keeper:

Novak FNU, a civilian employee of the army.

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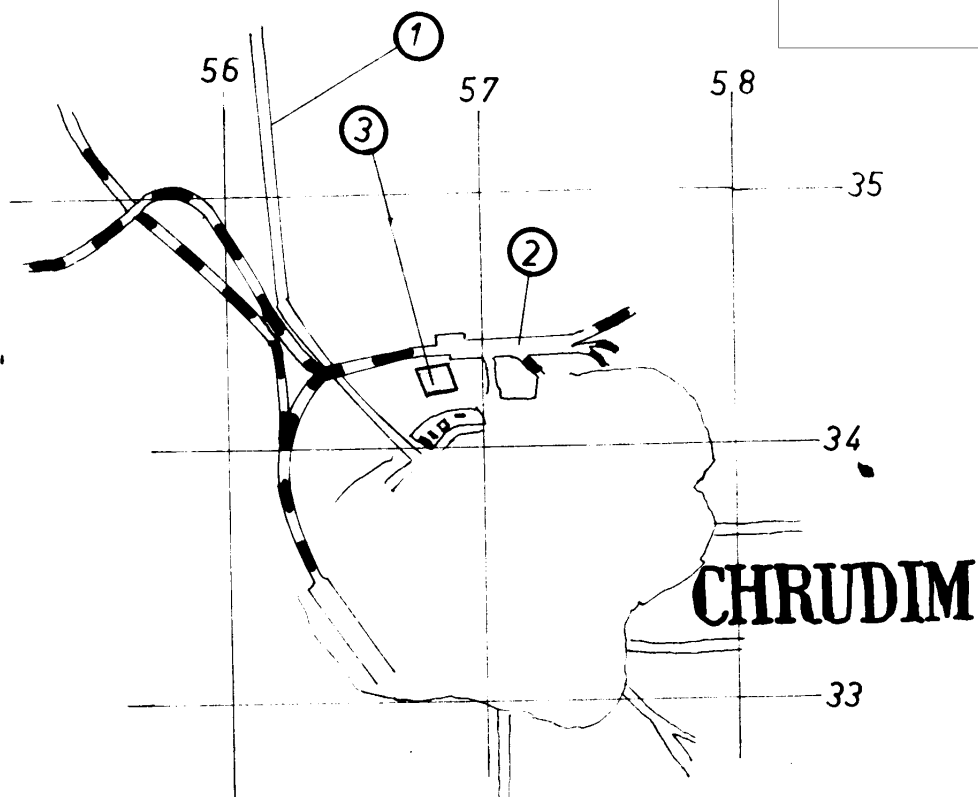
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Location of the construction enterprise "Konstruktiva"  
branch No 5 at CHRUDIM

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- (1) Highway PARDUBICE - CHRUDIM, about 8 m wide, asphalted.  
(2) RR station CHRUDIM-City on the local railway line HROCHUV TYNEC - HERMANOV MESTEC via CHRUDIM,  
(3) Construction enterprise "Konstruktiva", branch No 5

PLAN (B)
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PLAN (A)  
SCALE 1:1000

